

DATE: March 1, 2013

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Stefanie Nadeau, Director, MaineCare Services

SUBJECT: Renewal of the Maine HIV/AIDS Section 115 Demonstration Waiver under the Social Security Act and MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters X, Section 1, Benefit for People Living with HIV/AIDS

This letter gives notice of the Department's request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to renew the Maine HIV/AIDS Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver under the Social Security Act effective January 1, 2014. The objective of this waiver is to provide more effective and earlier treatment, improve access to continuous health care, provide a comprehensive package of services to people living with HIV/AIDS and to assist in enhancing compliance with treatment and medication regimens. The key feature of this waiver that allows for the objectives to be successfully accomplished is the care management services. Maine is not anticipating any impact on enrollment or spending unless a Medicaid expansion occurs. If so, Maine expects to see a 60% reduction in the current waiver membership.

Nor does Maine anticipate asking for any substantial modifications to the existing Section 1115 Demonstration waiver. Maine has continued to make improvements with care management and cost saving initiatives. Member satisfaction rates with the program have continued to increase. In 2009 our annual member satisfaction survey showed satisfaction rate had increased to around 78% and 2011 the satisfaction rate had increased to around 84%. The waiting list has not been utilized during State Fiscal Year 12 for this project, as the cost of patient care is not projected to exceed the project allotment. However, the State may institute a cap in the future should budget estimates indicate costs will exceed the project allotment.

Members are eligible for transportation services under a 1915(b) waiver. Transportation Services are provided to enable members to gain access to waiver services. The transportation services are available only through the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 113 (Transportation Services). Chapter X, Section I waiver providers are not reimbursed for transportation services provided to waiver members. Transportation services under the waiver are provided in accordance with the member's Waiver Service Plan. Whenever possible, family, neighbors, friends, or community agencies who can provide transportation service without charge, must be utilized.

Rules and related rulemaking documents may be reviewed at, <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/demonstration-waivers.shtml> or printed from, the MaineCare Services website at or for a fee, interested parties may request a paper copy of rules by calling (207) 287-9368. For those who are deaf or hard of hearing and have a TTY machine, the TTY number is 711.

A concise summary of the Maine HIV/AIDS Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver is provided in the Notice of Agency 1115 HIV/AIDS Waiver Renewal. This notice also provides information regarding the rule-making process. Please address all comments to the agency contact person identified in the Notice of Agency 1115 HIV/AIDS Waiver Renewal.

NOTICE OF AGENCY 1115 HIV/AIDS WAIVER RENEWAL

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare Services

CONCISE SUMMARY: Maine is requesting to renew the Maine HIV/AIDS Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver under the Social Security Act effective January 1, 2014. The objective of this waiver is to provide more effective and earlier treatment, improve access to continuous health care, provide a comprehensive package of services to people living with HIV/AIDS, to assist in enhancing compliance with treatment and medication regimens, and to meet cost-effectiveness as required by federal regulations. The key feature of this waiver which allows for the objectives to be successfully accomplished is the care management services. Maine is not anticipating any impact on enrollment or spending unless a Medicaid expansion occurs. If so, some enrollees would move from the waiver to full MaineCare benefits.

Maine does not anticipate asking for any substantial modifications to the existing Section 1115 Demonstration waiver. Maine has continued to make improvements with care management and cost saving initiatives. Member satisfaction rates with the program have continued to increase. In 2009 our annual member satisfaction survey showed the satisfaction rate had increased to approximately 78% and in 2011 the satisfaction rate had increased to approximately 84%. The waiting list has not been utilized during State Fiscal Year 12 for this project, as the cost of patient care is not projected to exceed the project allotment. However, the State may institute a cap in the future should budget estimates indicate costs will exceed the project allotment.

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/demonstration-waivers.shtml>

The Department has provided a public notice and comment period regarding the waiver renewal. The Department received input and comments at two public hearings held as follows:

MAC Meeting

Date: October 2, 2012 at 11 am
Location: 41 Anthony Street
Augusta, ME 04330

HIVAC Meeting

Date: October 9, 2012 at 9:30 am
Location: 11 Parkwood Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

The Department is also providing a 30-day public notice and comment period regarding the waiver renewal as follows:

Public Hearing

Date: April 3, 2013 at 10 am to 12 p.m.
Conference Room 1
Department of Health and Human Services
Office of MaineCare Services
242 State Street
Augusta, ME 04330

The Department requests that any interested party requiring special arrangements to attend the hearing contact the agency person listed below before Monday, March 29, 2013.

Written comments may be sent at the postal address MaineCare Services, Policy Division, 242 State Street, 11 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0011 and reviewed by the public at the following Internet address:

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/demonstration-waivers.shtml>

Public notice will also be given through in-state newspaper publication.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: Comments must be received by midnight, Friday, May 3, 2013.

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